

**WILLIAM J. ROTH, JR.
MAYOR**



CITY OF FAIRLAWN

December 4, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Special Order, indicating that as the spread of COVID-19 accelerates in Ohio, a stronger response is needed to minimize the impact on Ohio's healthcare and hospital capacity and ensure healthcare is available for Ohioans with COVID19, non-COVID illnesses, and emergencies. Immediate action therefore is required. The Department of Health has recommended that people shelter at home unless they need to go to work or obtain necessary food, medical care, or social services.

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that new health data compiled by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) showed sustained severe exposure and spread (Purple Level 4) in Lake, Lorain, Medina, Montgomery, Portage, Richland, Stark, and Summit counties.

NOW THEREFORE, by the virtue of the power vested in me by the Charter of the City of Fairlawn and the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, I, William J. Roth, Jr., Mayor of the City of Fairlawn, hereby order and direct that:

COVID-19 is a danger and threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Fairlawn and therefore, a state of emergency continues for the City of Fairlawn in order to facilitate such actions as are necessary to implement an appropriate response to COVID-19, thereby protecting the lives, safety and health of the citizens and employees of the City of Fairlawn.

I direct my Cabinet, under my authority and supervision, to continue to take all lawful actions as may be necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fairlawn and the City of Fairlawn employees.

The City will develop and implement procedures, including but not limited to suspending and/or adopting temporary rules for the City of Fairlawn employees, consistent with the recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health, Summit County Department of Public Health, and Centers for Disease Control and such other emergency officials to prevent or alleviate this public health threat.

I hereby direct that all City buildings be closed to the public until further notice. All non-essential persons should not enter City buildings unless absolutely necessary. Arrangements are being made to allow for City services to be provided remotely where possible. Persons should check the city website for more information or contact the relevant department head by telephone for more information if City services are needed.

I further direct that until further notice all meetings of City boards and commissions should be held in a virtual format that complies with the current requirements set forth by the Ohio Attorney General for such meetings during the pandemic. Also, until further notice, Mayor's Court hearings shall be held in a remote or virtual manner or postponed consistent with State guidelines during the pandemic.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists and shall be terminated by executive order upon a determination that emergency measures are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens in Fairlawn.

William J. Roth, Jr. Mayor